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PRAVDA NOVEMBER 18 FEATURES "OBSERVER" ARTICLE ENTITLED "THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE RESOLUTION OF BERLIN QUESTION". SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

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USE OF BERLIN BY WEST TO POISON ATMOSPHERE EUROPE CALLS FOR "RADICAL" SOLUTION. WEST HAS LONG AGO DEPRIVED SELF OF EVERY LEGAL OR MORAL RIGHT TO CONTINUING OCCUPATION. PRESENT SUBVERSIVE USE OF CITY THROUGH ILLEGAL PRESENCE OF TROOPS INTOLERABLE AND OCCUPATION IS ANACHRONISM. JUSTIFICATIONS BY REFERENCE TO EXPIRED OCCUPATION AGREEMENT ONLY DISPLAYS FALSITY WESTERN POSITION ON ISSUE. DULLES SPEAKS OF U.S. VOWS TO WEST BERLIN, BUT WHAT OF POTSDAM VOWS AND WORLD WAR BATTLES TO ERADICATE GERMAN MILITARISM AND FASCISM WHICH ARE NOW THRIVING IN WEST GERMANY? NOT SURPRISING OR REMARKABLE THAT USSR REJECTS EFFORTS BY WEST TO PRESERVE ONLY ADVANTAGEOUS SHRED OF POTSDAM LEFT SO AS TO PERMIT THEIR PRESENCE IN CAPITAL GDR. REACTION OF WESTERN RULERS "WHO SEE THAT WEST BERLIN SOIL IS SLIPPING AWAY FROM UNDER THEIR FEET IS TO RESORT TO BLACKMAIL AND THREATS, BUT ALL KNOW THAT REAL THREAT TO PEACE IN EUROPE AND GERMANY IS THEIR CONTINUED PRESENCE. IN 25 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, U.S. SHOULD HAVE LEARNED THAT EFFORT TO SHAKE SOVIET DECISION WITH WAR SCARE IS USELESS. WASHINGTON'S POSITION CAN ONLY FURTHER BURDEN U.S.-USSR RELATIONS.

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"LIQUIDATION OF REMNANTS OF OCCUPATION REGIME IN CAPITAL OF GDR IS ONLY COURSE CORRESPONDING TO DIGNITY OF GERMAN PEOPLE AND TO INTERESTS OF SECURITY IN EUROPE. THERE IS AND CAN BE NO OTHER WAY OF SOLVING BERLIN QUESTION IF ONE STRIVES FOR CREATION OF CONDITIONS FOR TRANQUIL DEVELOPMENT OF GERMANY AND ELIMINATION OF HOTBED DANGEROUS TO CAUSE OF PEACE WHICH BERLIN IS AS RESULT OF PRESERVATION OF OCCUPATION REGIME IN IT. USSR IS UNSHAKABLE IN ITS DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT THIS LONG URGENT MEASURE AS CLEARLY FOLLOWS FROM SPEECH OF...KHRUSHCHEV IN WHICH DEFINITE (#) AND FROM POSITION OF SOVIET UNION WAS EXPRESSED. STATESMAN OF WESTERN POWERS ARE DEEPLY MISTAKEN IF THEY SUPPOSE THAT FOR REALIZATION OF MEASURES PLANNED BY SOVIET GOVERNMENT, SOME KIND OF CONSENT ON PART OF SAID POWERS IS NEEDED. NO SUCH CONSENT IS NEEDED AT ALL. SOVIET UNION WILL FIRMLY HOLD TO THIS LINE AND IT WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE."

COMMENT: NO MENTION IS MADE OF PREPARATION OF DOCUMENT TO CONTAIN "PROPOSALS" TO ALLIES WHICH KHRUSHCHEV MENTIONED IN NOVEMBER 14 SPEECH. OTHER COVERAGE OF BEGIN ISSUE CONSISTS OF BACKGROUNDER ARTICLES IN LITERARY GAZETTE AND GUDOK.

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